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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled POLYMER, the specification of which was filed on October 19, 2001 as Application Serial No. 10/030,526, (I authorize and request the attorneys of record to complete the serial number when known), and was amended on October 19, 2001.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Country	Application No.	Filing Date	Priority Claimed	
WIPO	PCT/DE00/01259	April 20, 2000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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